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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
State Dept. review completed

SUBJECT: NOON NOTES

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ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS
APPLY

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SECRET PARIS MEETING: RON ZIEGLER ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT YOU WERE MEETING IN PARIS WITH NORTH VIETNAMESE NEGOTIATORS. ZIEGLER REFUSED TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SUBSTANCE OF YOUR TALKS, AND DECLINED TO SAY WHEN YOU LEFT FOR PARIS. HE DID, HOWEVER, REVEAL THAT YOU WILL RETURN TO WASHINGTON TONIGHT.

FRENCH PROPOSAL TO RELOCATE PEACE TALKS: THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY, THROUGH QUAI DIRECTOR FOR ASIAN AFFAIRS FROMENT-MEURICE, HAS CONVEYED TO OUR PARIS DELEGATION A PROPOSAL TO MOVE THE OCTOBER 19 SESSION OF THE PARIS TALKS INTO THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER'S QUARTERS AT QUAI D'ORSAY. IT SEEMS THAT THE FACILITIES NORMALLY USED AT THE HOTEL MAJESTIC WILL BE UNAVAILABLE FROM OCTOBER 13 TO 25 DUE TO A MEETING OF 18 CHIEFS OF STATE WHICH WILL BE HELD THERE.

AMBASSADOR PORTER RECOGNIZES THAT THE FRENCH PROPOSAL MAY HAVE SOME ADVANTAGES FROM A SECURITY AND CONVENIENCE STANDPOINT. HOWEVER, IT HAS THE MAJOR DISADVANTAGE OF IMPLYING A GREATER DEGREE OF U.S./GVN ASSOCIATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SCHUMANN AND FRENCH ATTITUDES TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT THAN PORTER WOULD CONSIDER PRUDENT. PORTER BELIEVES WE SHOULD TURN THE OFFER DOWN ON THE GROUNDS THAT WE DON'T WISH TO INCONVENIENCE THE FRENCH, AND REQUEST FURTHER EXPLORATION OF OTHER POSSIBLE SITES FOR THE PARIS PLENARY MEETINGS. THUS, WE MIGHT AVOID CREATING A PRECEDENT WHEREBY THE TALKS WOULD MOVE INTO THE FOREIGN OFFICE WHENEVER THE FRENCH FEEL THE NEED FOR THE HOTEL MAJESTIC'S FACILITIES. THE GVN DELEGATION AGREES WITH THIS POSITION.

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WAR CRIMES INVESTIGATING GROUP ARRIVES IN HANOI: FORMER U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK AND FIVE OTHER MEMBERS OF AN INTERNATIONAL GROUP HAVE ARRIVED IN HANOI TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGED U.S. WAR CRIMES IN NORTH VIETNAM. THE VIETNAM NEWS AGENCY REPORTED YESTERDAY THAT THE GROUP WAS HEADED BY HANS-GORAN FRANK, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE STOCKHOLM-BASED INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO U.S. CRIMES IN INDOCHINA.

NVN ALLEGES U.S. DIKES BOMBING MAY CAUSE CIVILIAN EVACUATION: ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE NORTH VIETNAM CHARGE IN STOCKHOLM DECLARED TODAY THAT THE CIVILIAN POPULATION OF NORTH VIETNAM WILL HAVE TO BE EVACUATED IF U.S. BOMBINGS OF DIKES AND DAMS CONTINUE. THE CHARGE SAID U.S. BOMBERS HAVE ATTACKED EMBARKMENTS AND DAMS 173 TIMES SINCE THE RENEWED U.S. BOMBING OF NORTH VIETNAM BEGAN.

PETERSON SIGNS JOINT COMMISSION DOCUMENT: COMMERCE SECRETARY PETERSON TODAY SIGNED A DOCUMENT DEFINING THE FUTURE OF A NEW U.S.-SOVIET ECONOMIC COMMISSION SET UP DURING THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO MOSCOW. PETERSON TOLD REPORTERS BEFORE THE SIGNING THAT JOINT WORKING GROUPS OF THE COMMISSION WOULD CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS ON TRADE, MOST-FAVORED NATION STATUS OF THE USSR, CREDITS, LEND-LEASE, MARITIME RELATIONS AND OTHER TOPICS. PETERSON ALSO SAID THAT HE WOULD MEET WITH SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER PATOLICHEV LATER THIS YEAR AND THAT THE JOINT COMMISSION'S MARITIME GROUP WOULD CONVEENE IN WASHINGTON IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

DELTA AIRLINES HIJACK: THE DELTA AIRLINES DC-8 WHICH WAS HIJACKED TO ALGIERS YESTERDAY IS EN ROUTE BACK TO THE U.S. WITH ALL CREWMEMBERS ABOARD. THE HIJACKERS REMAIN IN ALGERIA WITH THE ONE MILLION DOLLARS RANSOM.

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